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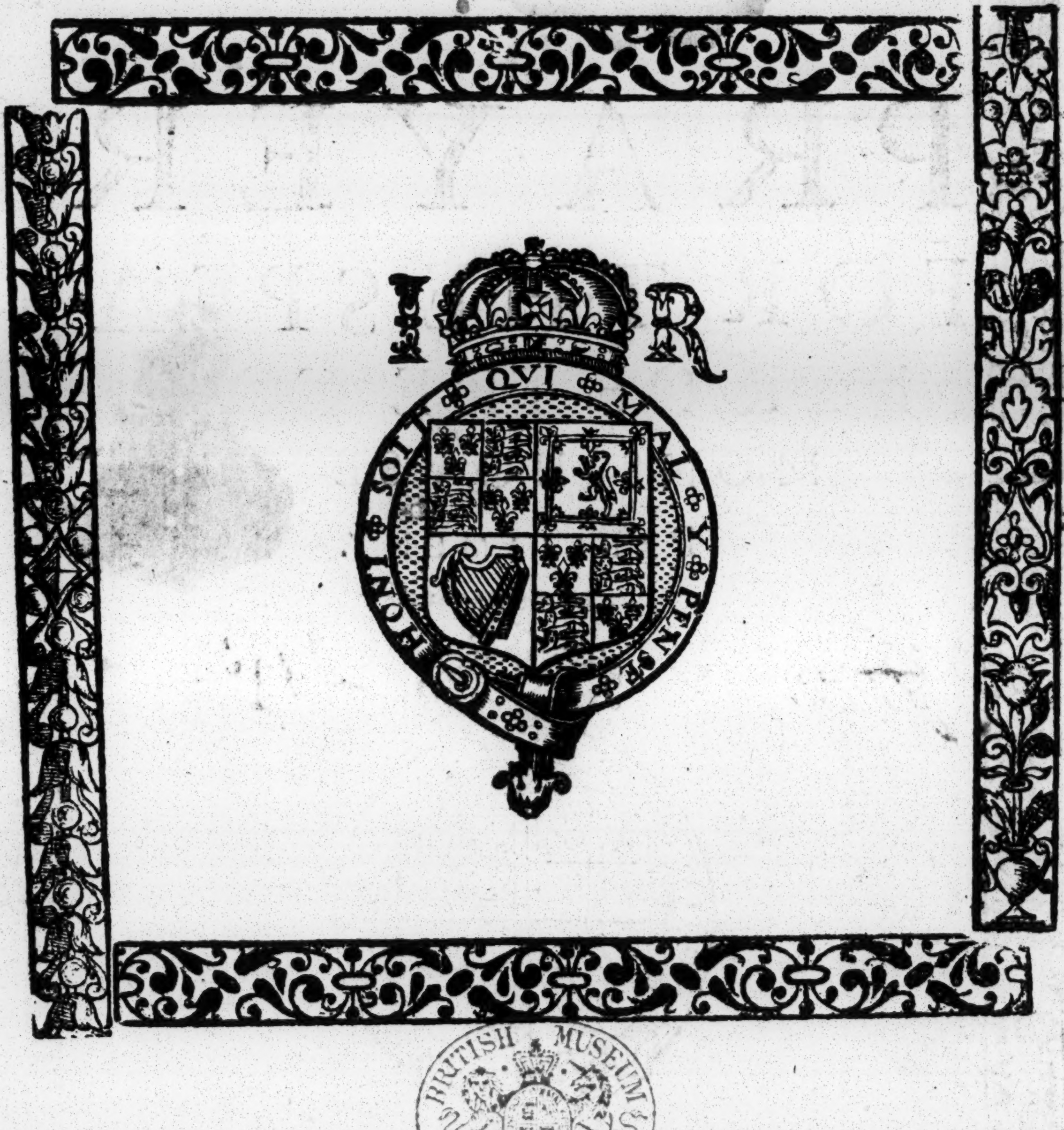
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PRAYER FOR THE
Speaker of the Commons Houſe of Parliament.

O GOD, moſt great and glorious which dwelleſt in the Heauens ouer all, yet humbleſt thy ſelfe, to beholde the things that are done vpon the Earth: Wee, the People & Sheepe of thy Paſture, aſſembled by thy prouidence, to the performance of this high ſeruice, Whereupon, the honour of thy Name, the beautie of thy Church amongſt vs, the glorie of our King, and wealth of our State doth depend, knowing, that without thee, we can doe nothing: Doe, at this time, with feare and reuerence, in the Beginning of our Conſultations, firſt looke vp vnto thee (from whome Wiſdome, and happie Succeſſe doeth come) praying thee, to looke downe from Heauen vpon vs, with the Eye of thy mercie; to draw neere vnto vs with the preſence of thy Grace: to prepare vs all with Councell and vnderſtanding; and to be preſident, and director of all our conferences: That thoſe things may be propounded, conceaued, allowed, and confirmed, which may beſt pleaſe thee, and moſt directly and ſoundly vphold the honour of thy Name, the Sinceritie of thy Worſhip, the ſafetie of our King; and peace of thy People: euen for thy Sonne our Lords ſake.

And that we may not, our ſelues, be any hinderance, to the obtaining of theſe our deſires, either by meanes of any Sinne formerly committed, or of any corruption yet remaining in vs: We humbly pray thee, to forgiue our Sinnes, and blot out all our Iniquities: and to ſtand reconciled vnto vs, in an euerlaſting Couenant of peace, as if we had neuer ſinned againſt thee.

And, becauſe our hearts by nature are

not fit for good cogitations; Create a new heart, and renew a right Spirit in vs: Remooue farre from vs all vain-glorious humour, of commending our owne Wit; all couetous humor, of aduancing our priuate profit; all enuious humour of diſgracing other mens gifts; all malicious humour, of hurting any mans perſon: and (finally) all froward humour, of oppoſing our ſelues, againſt iuſt; needfull, and godly things, by whomſoeuer propounded. Furniſh vs with knowledge, Wiſdome, and Zeale. by ſending down thy ſpirit into our hearts, that we may vnderſtand, diſcerne, preferre, and ſet forward all things, tending to the aduancement of thy glory, and ſuch as may be thought worthy our aſſent and furtherance.

And, becauſe all good things are not of equall goodneſſe, nor all needfull things of equall neceſſitie: Let our care and zeale be equally proportioned, to the degrees of things in goodneſſe and neceſſity different. And therefore; firſt, make vs carefull of the glorie of thy Name (which is the high end of all thy Counſels and workes, and ought to be the laſt end, and firſt reſpect, of all our purpoſes and doings.) And therein, let our eſpeciall care be, to prouide for the continuance of thy Word, and religious practiſe of thy worſhip, by the miniſterie and meanes that Chriſt hath planted in his Church: Next, let the good of this whole Iland moue our care and zeale; which conſiſting in the ſafetie & honour of the King, and the Enacting and executing of good Lawes; let vs be wiſely carefull, and faithfully zealous for the Perſon of our King, whom thou, the King of Kings, haſt in mercie ſet ouer vs.

And becauſe no Law can be good, that is not agreeable to thy Law, which containeth the fundamentall equitie of all Lawes: In making Lawes to gouerne thy People, let vs alwayes haue an eye vnto thy Law: Not digreſſing from the holy equitie thereof: And what through thy mercie, we ſhall here profitably Enact: we pray thee, through the whole Kingdome it may bee truely executed, that our great labor may not be diſgraced with litle fruit.

And foraſmuch as we all and euery one of vs haue, in this place, with wonder and aſtoniſhment, and without any merit of ours, found a moſt euident aſſurance of thy mercie and goodneſſe, in a miraculous deliuerance

liuerance, from the greateſt danger, by Popiſh treacherie, that euer was attempted, or threatned, towardes our King, our State & Us: Giue vs (good Lord) hearts aboue the hearts of men, to offer vnto thee in the ſame place, a daily ſacrifice of thankſgiuing, in the higheſt meaſure; together with a feruent and inceſſant zeale, care, and diligence, in all our proceedings, for the ſetling of the Peace and happy eſtate of thy Church amongſt vs: the preſeruation of our King; his Royall Progenie; our ſelues; and our poſteritie: and for the preuenting, ſuppreſſing, and finall rooting out, of the ſpring, iſſue, and fruit of all ſuch helliſh and Popiſh hearts, intentions, and practiſes: to the euerlaſting praiſe and glorie of thy bleſſed Name.

Heare vs, we pray thee (O Father of mercie) in theſe our moſt humble and needfull Petitions: forgiue and anſwere vs, according to thy Fatherly and great goodneſſe, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, to whome with thee, and the holy Ghoſt, three Perſons, and one God, be all praiſe, glorie, and power, now, and for euer. Amen.

[illegible] saued from the great dangers, by [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] med, [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible]: Giue vs (good Lord) grace [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] together [illegible] [illegible] state, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], for the furthering [illegible] and happy state of thy Church amongst vs: the preseruation of our King, his Royall progenie, our [illegible] and our posteritie: and for the preuenting, happilie, and finall rooting out, of the Papistrie, and [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] intentions, and practises: to the [illegible] praise and glorie of thy blessed Name.

Heare vs, [illegible] (O Father of mercie) in these our most humble and needfull petitions: forgiue and answere vs, according to thy Maiestie and great goodnesse: for Iesus Christ his sake, to whome with thee and the holy Ghost, three persons, and one God, be all praise, [illegible], and power, world, and for euer. Amen.

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